

International 2.4mR Class Association (ICA) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Time: 4:53 PM GMT

Location: Virtual (Zoom Meeting ID: 812 6225 2630)

Attendees: John (Secretary), Heiko, Bruce (Technical Committee Representative), Mikael, Fia, Niko (absent); Note: Some attendees were absent or joined late (e.g., Heiko apologized for tardiness).

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:53 PM GMT by John, who welcomed attendees and thanked Fia for her participation, noting Heiko's late arrival with an apology.

Reports

1. Secretary's Report (John)

- Discussed the efficiency of AI-generated meeting summaries, sharing experience with free voice-to-text tools (e.g., Read AI) and integration with word processors. Recommended using Zoom AI for transcription due to its speaker identification but noted challenges with multiple voices or absent attendees.
- Thanked Fia for suggesting TurboScribe, a transcription tool that recognizes different speakers, as a potential improvement for future meetings.

2. Technical Committee Update (Bruce)

- Reported on the Technical Committee (TC) meeting, proposing a new process for TC representation at EC meetings: the TC representative (Bruce) will join at the start to provide updates and address issues. The EC unanimously agreed to this change.
- Announced TC approval of the Super 3 prototype, noting a concern about lead weight being slightly under the required amount. John agreed to draft an approval letter for Heiko regarding the Super 3 prototype.
- Shared updates on the new class rule for upper batons: 2.4mR allows up to 4 equally spaced batten pockets (upper pocket may extend to the mast), while NOD requires exactly 4 pockets. Discussed wording differences with John for clarity.
- Mentioned ongoing boat production discussions with Ontario Yachts, noting early-stage development with no shipments until perfection, potentially for display at the World Championships.

3. Executive Committee Updates (John, Heiko, Mikael)

- Discussed class finances, confirming Paul currently manages finances, with Mikael assuming Bruce's role. John proposed an email to coordinate the transfer of financial responsibilities among Paul, Mikael, and Bruce.
- Reviewed the status of the Notice of Race (NOR) and Para World Championships for the Italy event, with Heiko tasked to follow up with Luigi and Carletta.

4. World Championships and Events (Heiko, Mikael)

- Discussed potentially adjusting the 2026 World Championship dates, with Heiko to follow up with Maria.
- Explored adjusting the Kieler Woche event date to avoid overlap with the Netherlands event, with Heiko tasked to communicate with Maria.
- Addressed the 2027 World Championships bid, noting no updates but interest from Norway despite a clubhouse fire at a Norwegian sailing club. Mikael will review the ICA website's technical page for bid package guidance.
- Highlighted insurance requirements for sailing in different countries (e.g., Italy, Australia), with Heiko to inquire with insurance contacts for the upcoming World Championships in Italy.

5. Boat Production and Repairs (Heiko, Mikael)

- Discussed repairing and reusing existing boats rather than purchasing new ones, with potential collaborations with boat builders like Brian (Super 3) and Ontario Yachts.

New Business

1. Central Filing System

- The EC discussed the need for a secure, centralized filing system, considering commercial accounts like Dropbox or Google Workspace with tiered access (e.g., board, members, public) and scalability for file size/ storage needs.
- Agreed to coordinate with Virgil to set up the account, evaluate costs, and establish a file structure, ensuring access to historical data.

2. Bank Account Challenges

- Heiko discussed difficulties opening a bank account due to stringent EU laws and paperwork, deeming it infeasible. John shared similar U.S. issues with a

closed account due to incorporation discrepancies, with both working toward solutions.

- Revisit the idea of establishing a legal seat for the ICA in the EU, pending for two years, as a long-term goal.

3. Insurance and Climate Impacts

- Noted rising boat pricing (e.g., €30,000 per boat) and climate changes affecting sailing seasons, impacting planning and costs.

Open Forum

- Members discussed improving future meetings by reviewing past minutes and agendas, ensuring clarity and action item follow-through. John mentioned his heart procedure on April 2, 2025, hopefully not impacting the next meeting (April 1st).

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM GMT by John, with the next meeting scheduled for April 1, 2025. John will send draft minutes with action items within 5 days (by March 9, 2025).

Action Items

1. **John:** Create an email coordinating Paul, Mikkel, and Bruce for the transfer and transition of financial responsibilities by March 7, 2025.
2. **John:** Draft a letter for Heiko regarding the Super 3 prototype approval by March 9, 2025.
3. **John:** Send out meeting minutes with action items and summary by March 9, 2025.
4. **John:** Follow up with Brian Harding to ensure Super 3 publishes pricing and product information on their website by March 15, 2025.
5. **Heiko:** Contact Luigi and Carletta about the NOR, publishing date, registration deadline, transportation between camping area and club, and Para World Championships information on their website by March 10, 2025.
6. **Heiko:** Follow up with Maria about potentially adjusting the 2026 World Championship dates by March 10, 2025.
7. **Heiko:** Inquire about insurance requirements for the upcoming World Championships in Italy by March 10, 2025.

8. **Heiko:** Visit the German boat builder next week (by March 11, 2025) to discuss potential boat production.
 9. **Mikael:** Review the technical page on the ICA website for World Championship bid package information by March 10, 2025.
 10. **Executive Committee (EC):** Consider creating a commercial account (e.g., Dropbox, Google Workspace) for a centralized filing system, coordinating with Virgil by March 15, 2025, to evaluate costs and access levels.
-

Summary

The International 2.4mR Class Association (ICA) Executive Committee meeting on March 4, 2025, focused on technical, financial, and operational updates to support the 2.4mR class globally. Key discussions included approving the Super 3 prototype (with a note on lead weight), proposing a centralized filing system, and updating class rules for upper batons. The EC addressed bank account challenges, World Championship planning (2026, 2027), insurance needs, boat production, and member engagement strategies. The meeting, lasting approximately one and a half hours, highlighted the need for improved communication and documentation, with action items assigned to ensure progress on financial transitions, event planning, and technical governance. The next meeting is set for April 1, 2025, pending John's availability pre-heart procedure.